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THE  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE  
Medical Officer of Health  
AND  
Surveyor & Chief Public Health  
Inspector  
FOR THE YEAR

1957





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## ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 1957

by

J. CALDWELL, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., D.P.H

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district for the year 1957.

The Birth Rate shows a fall of 4.0 per 1,000 as compared with last year—there being about 30 fewer births in 1957—and now stands somewhat below the average for England and Wales as a whole.

The Death Rate for the district is still appreciably less than the national figure, but shows a fractional rise over the figure for 1956.

Infectious Disease ran at a fairly moderate level during the year, measles and whooping cough being the most prevalent. Five of the seven cases of food poisoning occurred in the same family, and in no case was admission to hospital found to be necessary.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis continued during the year as far as the limited supplies permitted. All vaccination was achieved with British manufactured vaccine.

Some difficulty is still encountered in finding suitable institutional accommodation for elderly people living alone and requiring a certain amount of care and attention.

As I stated last year, the Water Supply in the district continues to be satisfactory, except in the Kimbolton higher parts, Catworth and Stow Longa. I understand that any improvements to this supply are deferred, pending the formation of a Joint Water Board under the new grouping proposals.

The second phase of the Buckden Sewerage scheme has been approved and will be commenced in 1958.

The Slum Clearance programme continues to receive attention and satisfactory progress is being made—15 families having been re-housed during the year.

In conclusion I should like to thank members of the Council for their consideration and kindness, and also all their officers for their continued help and co-operation.

Your obedient servant,

J. CALDWELL.

**STAFF.****Medical Officer of Health.**

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**STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.**

Area : 52,559 acres (approximately 81 square miles).

Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1957 : 2,438.

Rateable Value of the District : £54,000.

Value of a Penny Rate : £212

Estimated population (Mid 1957) : 7,270.

Estimated population (Mid 1956) : 7,280.

**COMMITTEES CONCERNED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH****Housing and Public Health Committee :**

Chairman : Councillor H. Storey, J.P.

**Water and Sewage Committee :**

Chairman : Councillor F. C. Slaughter.

**Finance and Rating Committee :**

Chairman : Councillor H. Higgins.

**Chairman of the Council :**

1957/58 : Councillor E. Bowles.

1956/57 : Councillor C. H. Lewis, M.B.E.

**Clerk to the Council :**

D. J. Dear.

**VITAL STATISTICS.****LIVE BIRTHS**

	M.	F.	Total	Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population	
Legitimate ...	46	52	98	...	14.0
Illegitimate ...	1	3	4	(Ditto for England and Wales)	...
Total ....	47	55	102	...	16.1

**STILLBIRTHS**

	M.	F.	Total	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	
Legitimate ...	-	1	1	...	9.7
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	(Ditto for England and Wales)	...
Total ...	-	1	1	...	22.4

**DEATHS (ALL AGES)**

	M.	F.	Total	Death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	
	38	34	72	...	9.9
				(Ditto for England and Wales)	...
				...	11.5

**DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR**

	M	F	Total
Legitimate ...	3	1	4
Illegitimate ...	-	-	-
	3	1	4

**DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR**

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	39.2
(Ditto for England and Wales)	...	...	...	23.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	39.2
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	—

## CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar-General's List).

List No.	Causes	Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	.. —	—
2	Tuberculosis, other	.. —	—
3	Syphilitic	.. —	—
4	Diphtheria	.. —	—
5	Whooping cough	.. —	—
6	Meningococcal infections	.. —	—
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	.. —	—
8	Measles	.. —	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	.. —	—
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	.. 2	—
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	.. 5	—
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	.. —	1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	.. —	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	.. 4	3
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	.. —	—
16	Diabetes	.. —	—
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	.. 5	7
18	Coronary disease, angina	.. 6	5
19	Hypertension with heart disease	.. —	—
20	Other heart disease	.. 6	3
21	Other circulatory diseases	.. —	1
22	Influenza	.. —	—
23	Pneumonia	.. 2	3
24	Bronchitis	.. —	2
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	.. —	—
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	.. —	—
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	.. —	—
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	.. —	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	.. —	—
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	.. —	—
31	Congenital malformations	.. —	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	.. 6	2
33	Motor vehicle accidents	.. 1	—
34	All other accidents	.. 1	2
35	Suicide	.. —	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	.. —	—
Total all causes		.. 38	34

## CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Total cases Notified.
Scarlet Fever	... —
Whooping Cough	... 39
Diphtheria	... —
Measles	... 97
Acute Pneumonia	... 9
Puerperal Pyrexia	... —
Typhoid Fever	... —
Erysipelas	... 2
Acute Poliomyelitis	... 1
Infective Hepatitis	... 1
Food Poisoning	... 7
	—
	156

## TUBERCULOSIS.

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1957 : 59

Pulmonary : 44

Non-Pulmonary : 15

Age Periods

	New Cases Diagnosed.				New Cases—Transfers			
	Respiratory.		Non-Res.		Respiratory.		Non-Res.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 .. ..								
1 .. ..								
5 .. ..								
10 .. ..	2	3						
15 .. ..	1				2			
20 .. ..								
25 .. ..				1				
35 .. ..		3						
45 .. ..								
55 .. ..								
65 & Upwards								
Totals ..	3	6	—	1	2	—	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

## (a) Laboratory Facilities.

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to this authority and to General Practitioners in the area :

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.  
Tel. Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tennison Rd.,  
Cambridge. Tel. Cambridge 2097.

## (b) Ambulance Services

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service, operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctors' orders (Tel. Huntingdon 348).

## (c) Home Nursing

Nurse-Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity cases in the District :

(i) A Nurse residing in Great Staughton (Tel. Kimbolton 271) attend-



ed cases in Great Staughton, Kimbolton, Grafham, Perry, Tilbrook, Dillington and Hail Weston.

- (ii) A Nurse residing in Eltisley (Tel. Croxton 210) attended cases in Great Paxton, The Oñords, Toseland, Yelling, Great Gransden, Waresley and Abbotsley.
- (iii) A Nurse residing in Brampton (Tel. Huntingdon 779) attended cases in Buckden and Diddington.
- (iv) A Nurse residing in Stow Longa (Tel. Kimbolton 446) attended cases in Catworth and Covington.
- (v) Little Paxton and Southoe were attended by a Nurse living in St. Neots (Tel. St. Neots 215).

**(d) Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

- (i) The following Health Services, provided by the Huntingdon County Council, were available :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Allments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month 10-11.30 a.m.	Liberal Club, St. Neots.
		1st Friday in month 10.30—11.30 a.m.	Village Hall, Gt. Staughton.
		Every Monday, 9.30—10.30 a.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.
Dental	Pre-School and School-children, Pre-Natal and Nursing Mothers.	Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.—12 noon. 1.30 — 4.30 p.m.	C. of E. Girls' School, Huntingdon St., St. Neots.
		Every Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.—12 noon. 1.30—4.30 p.m.	10a Princes' Street, Huntingdon.
		Every Saturday 9 a.m.—12 noon.	
Infant Welfare	Children (0—5 years)	Every Wednesday and Thursday, 2—4 p.m.	Liberal Club, St. Neots.
		3rd Monday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.
		3rd Tuesday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Methodist Schoolroom, Buckden.
		1st Friday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Village Hall, Gt. Staughton.
		3rd Monday in month, 2—4 p.m.	Reading Room, Gt. Gransden.

- (ii) The following Health Services are provided by the Regional Hospital Board :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages.	Every Thursday, 10 a.m.—12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.

Venereal Diseases	All cases	Mondays, 3—7 p.m. Wednesdays, 4—6.30 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.
		Males:	
		Mondays, 5.30—7 p.m.	Out-
		Wednesdays, 5.30—7 p.m.	Patient
		Females :	Department,
		Tuesdays, 10.30—12 noon.	Memorial Hospital, Peter-
		Thursdays, 5.30—7 p.m.	borough.
Orthopaedic	Pre-School- and School- children.	2nd and 4th Tues- days in month (Sur- geons by appoint- ment). 10 a.m.—12 noon.	Old Grammar School Huntingdon.

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service :

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-School and School- children.	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appoint- ment except in emergency). 10 a.m.— 12 noon, 2-4 p.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patient Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

#### (c) Hospital Services

Fever—Cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases—Maternity facilities are provided at Primrose Lane Hospital, Huntingdon, and at Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

### REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR—YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1957

#### WATER SUPPLY

The ball valves and pressure switch cut-outs to the Water Towers at Yelling and Grafham were installed during the year and thus the risk of over-pumping is now eliminated.

The following new mains have been laid and brought into service during the year :—

- (a) A 3 inch main from Waterloo Farm, Offord, to the Godmanchester Municipal Borough boundary.
- (b) A 4 inch main from Abbotsley to the Wintringham area of the Cambridge Road, St. Neots, via Caldecote.
- (c) About 250 yards of 4 inch and 3 inch main to serve the new Housing Estate at Paxton Park, Little Paxton.



Arrangements have been made with the County Surveyor for the resiting of the water main near Dirt House in conjunction with the construction of a new double track bridge on the A.1 road, and this main diversion will be carried out during 1958.

Negotiations with the Raunds Urban District Council for a better supply of water to the Kimbolton area has been virtually suspended since the issue of the Ministry Circular suggesting the formation of Water Boards. Steps were taken during 1957 in conjunction with St. Neots Urban District Council and Oundle and Thrapston Rural District Council by calling together a number of adjacent Water Authorities with a view to the formation of a Water Board, and it now seems likely that such a Board will be formed during the next year.

Interruptions in the supply of water occurred on 23 occasions due to burst water mains. 8 of these bursts occurred on the Kimbolton Scheme, 6 on the Abbotsley, 3 on Gt. Staughton and 6 on the Buckden Scheme. Most of the bursts were due to exterior corrosion of iron pipes or fittings.

2,344 properties are now supplied with mains water and almost all the houses now enjoy this service. 79 houses were connected to the mains water during the year, and water was extended inside 38 houses from outside standpipes.

#### MAIN PIPED SUPPLIES

Source of Supply.	Parishes Supplied.	Daily Consumption.
a. South Cambs. R.D.C.	Abbotsley, Waresley, Gt. Gransden, Tetworth and Part of Eynesbury Hardwicke.	27,216 galls.
b. Raunds U.D.C.	Kimbolton, Covington, Catworth, Tilbrook and Stow Longa.	50,648 galls.
c. Diddington (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Buckden, Diddington, Grafham, Southoe, Lt. Paxton, Hail Weston, Offords, Gt. Paxton, Toseland, Yelling and parts of Perry.	113,000 galls.
d. Staughton Moor (St. Neots R.D.C.)	Gt. Staughton and parts of Perry.	15,677 galls. (estimated)
e. St. Neots U.D.C.	St. Neots Rural and Eynesbury Hardwicke.	Not known.

H.M. Borstal Institution, Gaynes Hall, has been supplied mainly from Diddington during the year.

The daily average amount of water supplied increased by 3 gallons per head per day for all purposes, making a total of 29 gallons per head per day; the unmetered supply increased by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gallons per head per day to 19 gallons per head per day.

High consumption of water was noticed during the dry months of May and June, but restrictions were only necessary in the Kimbolton area.

ANNUAL RAINFALL at Gt. Gransden Hall : 21.32 inches, a decrease of 1.20 inches over the 1956 figure. Rain falling on 149 days. This is average rainfall for this area.

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS\*ON RAW WATER

11 satisfactory and 1 unsatisfactory samples were obtained from the Diddington well. The treatment plant functioned properly, as all samples of treated water were satisfactory. All samples from Staughton Moor supply are raw in that this supply receives no treatment.

### BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS ON TREATED WATER

Satisfactory samples obtained during the year were as follows : South Cambs. R.D.C.—14 samples. Raunds U.D.C.—12 samples. Diddington—12 samples. Gt. Staughton—11 samples. In addition, 2 samples from South Cambs. R.D.C., 2 from Raunds U.D.C. were classified as doubtful or unsatisfactory due to burst water mains—subsequent samples were all satisfactory.

### CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Two satisfactory samples were taken from each of the four schemes during the year—one of these samples in the Spring and one in the Autumn. All waters continued to be hard with the exception of South Cambs. and fluorine content is low in all supplies except Gt. Staughton.

A sample from a private well was found to be doubtful upon chemical analysis. Advice was given to the owner and occupier, and although the water main is some distance away it is hoped to be able to make a main water supply available in the near future.

### PRIVATE WELLS

Wells cleansed and repaired : 2. Wells closed as polluted : 3. Number of samples obtained for analysis found to be satisfactory : 11. Unsatisfactory : 16. Action taken : main water laid on where practicable, and in other cases occupiers advised to boil all water intended for human consumption. Some of the unsatisfactory samples were taken from emergency water supplies only.

### SWIMMING POOLS

There has been no change during 1957 and there are now four private swimming pools in the area, all of which have been satisfactorily maintained during the year.

### SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

W.C. conversions and other improvements continued in Buckden village during 1957, and at the end of the year all houses in this Parish served by new sewers had water closets, with the exception of houses to be dealt with under Slum Clearance and the Alms houses, for which a Housing Association is to be formed with a view to obtaining an improvement grant. The table on the following page will give an indication of the progress made.

Towards the end of 1957 Ministry approval was obtained to the completion of the laying of sewers in Buckden Parish, and the contract has now been made and work will commence in the early part of 1958.

Further investigations into the condition of the River Kym were carried out by the Gt. Ouse River Board, at the suggestion of the R.D.C., following which representations were made to the Ministry for permission to proceed with the Kimbolton and Gt. Staughton Joint Sewerage Scheme. The Ministry gave permission for tenders to be invited in the closing weeks of 1957, and it is hoped to have tenders approved for at least the Kimbolton part of this scheme in April, 1958. This is a very necessary scheme as proved by the samples taken by the River Board, and after many years of negotiations and enquiries it now seems that the Council are at last in sight of their goal.

## STATISTICS OF WATER SUPPLIES, W.C.'s, E.C.'s, BATHS, Etc.

1957

	No. of Houses	W.C.s	E.C.s	Baths	Water Supply Council		P.W.
					In- side	Stand- pipe	
Abbotsley	94	43	51	46	92	—	2
Buckden	371	257	114	217	312	44	15
Catworth	97	38	59	39	86	8	3
Covington	30	20	10	19	26	1	3
Diddington	46	9	37	7	41	—	5
Eynesbury Hardwicke	34	22	12	24	27	—	7
Grafham	72	22	50	24	70	2	—
Gt. Gransden	180	106	74	112	159	15	6
Hail Weston	101	46	55	58	95	6	—
Kimbolton	280	204	76	183	260	17	3
Offord Cluny	109	60	49	64	94	8	7
Offord Darcy	105	50	55	50	94	6	5
Paxton, Great	126	80	46	84	125	—	1
Paxton, Little	96	76	20	79	92	3	1
Southoe-Midloe	88	27	61	36	69	15	4
St. Neots Rural	18	15	3	12	18	—	—
Staughton, Gt.	271	139	132	161	227	34	10
Stow Longa	32	14	18	16	31	1	—
Tetworth	31	19	12	20	21	—	10
Tilbrook	80	47	33	53	72	5	3
Toseland	42	7	35	9	35	6	1
Waresley	59	33	26	38	49	—	10
Yelling	76	30	46	36	74	—	2
Totals for 1957	2438	1364	1074	1387	2169	171	98
		2438			2438		
Totals for 1956	2424	1246	1178	1287	2090	213	121
Differences	+14	+118	—104	+100	+79	—42	—23

96% of houses have a mains water supply.

89% of houses have a supply inside the house.

56% of houses have a W.C.

57% of houses have a bath.

56.5% of houses have bath and W.C.



Sewers were commenced to be laid at Paxton Park, Little Paxton, as outlined in the 1956 report, and these sewers will probably be taken over by the Council when the Estate has been fully developed. A scheme for sewerage the whole of Little Paxton, including this Estate and the village of Southoe, has now been prepared and submitted for Ministry approval. In this case, arrangements have been made for the sewage to be pumped to the St. Neots U.D.C. Works on the opposite side of the river, and it is not proposed to include Southoe in the first stage of the Contract.

9 piped sewers received attention during the year along with the cleansing of 1 open ditch. Sewage works on the Council's housing sites are regularly dealt with by the Council's cesspool emptier, as one day per week is set aside for this work. 11 repairs were carried out to sewage works, 41 private cesspools and 96 Council cesspools or sewerage tanks were cleansed during the year.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING

There is no change in the public cleansing system to report. The new larger capacity vehicle for dealing with dry refuse operated satisfactorily, although a major breakdown in the rear axle occurred in December, 1957. The average cost of dealing with each dustbin or pail was 9½d., an increase of ½d. over 1956.

No salvage was collected during the year, but a small quantity of scrap iron was disposed of.

#### PETROL STORAGE LICENCES

2 new licences were issued in 1957—51 were renewed during the year making a total of 53 on the Register. One licensed installation was moved to a new site.

#### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

23 licences were issued and 4 refused during the year, making a total of 44 caravans now authorised by these licences. 4 improvements of conditions were made and as previously reported, these dwellings are generally in very good condition.

#### COUNCIL HOUSE MAINTENANCE

2,681 inspections were made and 708 orders were issued for repairs, of which 104 orders were for repairs caused by gale damage on the 3rd November, 1957. A further 12 pre-war Council houses were provided with approved solid fuel cooking appliances and hot water supplies, bathrooms and W.C.'s were installed at 6 houses in Graveley Road, Offord Darcy. The Council have now bought 20 prefabricated houses previously managed on behalf of the Ministry. One private house, No. 40, Graveley Road, was taken over by the Council when they bought land for new houses in this area, and during 1957 a start was made on improvements at this house to qualify for a grant under Section 15 of the 1949 Act.

Ornamental trees and hedges have been planted at Grafham to form a suitable screen to the rear gardens of existing Council houses, pending the erection of further houses or garages on this site in future.

#### NEW BUILDINGS

78 plans of new buildings or alterations were deposited. One plan was withdrawn and one plan was disapproved and in the latter case, the garage building was removed following a threat of legal action as the garage did not comply with the Byelaws. 812 visits were paid to works in progress.

## MILK AND DAIRIES

12 retailers are registered with the Council, as all other dealers are producers also and, therefore, under the Ministry of Agriculture. 3 inspections of premises were carried out. On the 1st October, 1956, this district was included in a "Specified Area" under Section 41 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. 8 dealers' licences for pasteurised, 7 for tuberculin tested and 7 for sterilised milks were issued. Supplementary licences for 7 pasteurised, 6 tuberculin tested and 3 sterilised were also issued.

## FOOD INSPECTIONS, INCLUDING SLAUGHTERHOUSES

116 inspections of food premises were made and many improvements in conditions and facilities were noted, particularly in connection with the provision of hot water supplies which are now being enforced.

No Clean Food Campaigns have been held and there are no manufacturers of ice cream in the area. There is no change in the number or type of food premises in the area reported in 1953. A slaughterhouse at Kimbolton continued to operate and the animals inspected were as under. All condemned foodstuffs are either destroyed on suitable boilers or dealt with on the Council's refuse tip. Slaughtering facilities provided by St. Neots U.D.C. continued to serve a number of the Rural butchers.

5 cwts. 2 lbs. of meat, tinned fruit, vegetables, fish and meat were condemned as unfit for human consumption. 101 visits were paid to the slaughterhouse for the purpose of meat inspection. The licence of 1 slaughterman was renewed on the 1st October, 1957.

## CARCASSES &amp; OFFAL INSPECTED &amp; CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	86	Nil	Nil	142	4	Nil
Number Inspected	86	Nil	Nil	142	4	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	17%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	7%	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cysticercosis.						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



## OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR

1. The question of sanitary conveniences for gangs of workmen employed on maintenance of the permanent way of British Railways was dealt with. Gangs of as many as 100 workmen were brought by 'bus each day to the site and no sanitation was provided, the men being expected to attend at the nearest Railway Station. Representations were made to Headquarters and as a result portable sanitary conveniences were brought to the site. I am of the opinion that this should always be done by a Public Authority such as British Railways in the interests of public health.

2. Kimbolton Parish Council requested the Rural Council to consider the provision of Public Conveniences in Kimbolton. The Council, after much thought, decided to defer the question of erecting Public Conveniences in this village until a decision had been reached regarding the provision of a Bypass road by the Highway Authorities. The demand for conveniences appears to be chiefly made by travellers stopping in the village for refreshments and by visitors to Kimbolton Castle. In the first case, all catering premises have suitable conveniences and, of course, there are ample toilet arrangements at Kimbolton School.

3. Whilst it is appreciated that the Education Authorities have difficulty in carrying out improvements at all Schools controlled by them, further representations have been made during the year with regard to one small village school at Grafham, requesting the provision of suitable washing facilities for the children and staff, particularly as school meals are served and the only facility at present is a domestic sink and cold water supply with Calor gas boiler. The Authorities have been asked to see if action can be taken in the near future, and also for the conversion of E.C.'s to W.C.'s.

## NEW HOUSING

8 new Council houses were completed during 1957, making a total of 313 houses built by the Council since 1945. The Council now own 509 houses. 7 houses have been sold. In addition, the Council control 20 temporary houses. 20 new private enterprise houses were completed during the year. 4 garages at Gt. Gransden were built.

3 old cottages at Hail Weston were sold to a local farmer on condition that the houses were pulled down within 4 months. The demolitions are in progress and in future the site will be re-developed for new housing purposes.

Housing applications were revised in mid 1957, when it was found that 89 people wished to remain on the waiting list, of which 22 were without separate homes.

## HOUSING INSPECTIONS

Some progress has been made with the five-year Slum Clearance programme as indicated in the following table.

Improvement Grant schemes covering 135 houses involving grants of £30,432 have been authorised since grants were permitted: schemes covering 25 of these premises were received during 1957. In 103 cases the work has been completed and grants paid. 37 of them during 1957. Many of the authorised schemes are in an advanced stage and will soon be completed.

**PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949**  
**REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958**

		Type of Property				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses	(3) All Other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agricultural
I.	Number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	... 22	2086	167	2275	352
II.	Number of properties in- spected as a result of :					
	(a) Notification	... —	40	10	50	1
	(b) Survey under the Act	... 14	51	5	70	26
	(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited prim- arily for some other purpose)	... —	—	—	—	—
III.	Total inspections carried out—including re-inspec- tions (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	... 165	418	79	662	84
IV.	Number of properties in- spected (in Section II) which were found to be infested by :					
	(a) Rats	Major ... 3	1	1	5	1
		Minor ... 10	70	12	92	6
	(b) Mice	Major ... —	7	1	8	—
		Minor ... —	4	—	4	—
V.	Number of infested pro- perties (in Section IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT ex- ceed those given at Sec- tion IV)	... 13	82	14	109	7
VI.	Total treatments carried out—including re-treat- ments (To be completed only if figures are readily avail- able)	... 156	258	63	477	72
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :					
	(a) Treatment	... —	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Work (i.e., Proofing)	... —	—	—	—	—
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	... —	—	—	—	—

IX.	Legal Proceedings	...	—	—	—	—	—
X.	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	...	12	—	—	—	—

## NOTES

## Note 1—

With the exception of agricultural properties, a property means one which is entered separately in the Valuation Roll for the area.

## Note 2—

- (i) Premises used by the L.A. for the purposes of trade should be entered in Col. (3).
- (ii) Sewers should not be included.
- (iii) Combined dwelling and business premises, where occupied by the same person, should be regarded as business premises and should be entered in Col. (3). Where the dwelling and business parts of the premises are in separate occupation, separate entries should be made in Cols. (2) and (3).

## Note 3—

For the purpose of completing Sections II, IV and V. each property should be entered once only in respect of inspections, infestations or treatments.

## HOUSING TABLE

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	479
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	1915
(2)		Total number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ...	19
(3)		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	101

## 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices:—

(a)	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers, excluding those dealt with by Improvement Grants	185
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit with the assistance of Improvement Grants	37

## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(A)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 and 24 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
	(a) By owners	4
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

## (B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	37
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners ...	51
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	1

## (C) Proceedings under Sections 17, 26 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	14
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	20
(3) Number of houses closed during the year ...	6
(4) Number of families displaced during the year ...	15

A statement may be attached supplementing these sections giving details of the work undertaken either under informal or formal notices.

## (D) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	Nil

(E) Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1957—  
CLEARANCE AREAS :—

(1) Number of Clearance Areas declared during the year ...	Nil
(2) Total number of houses included in (1) above ...	Nil
(3) Number of houses included by reason of unfitness for human habitation ...	Nil
(4) Number of houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. ...	Nil
(5) Number of families displaced during the year ...	6
(6) Number of houses demolished during the year ...	Nil

## 4. Housing Act, 1957—Part IV, Overcrowding :—

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ...	1
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ...	4
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	2
(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ....	15
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	Nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ...	Nil



**ANALYSIS OF INSPECTIONS MADE :—**

Smoke Observations, etc.	4
Housing	... 443
Council House Maintenance	... 2681
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936	... 440
Houses, etc., Under P.H. Act, 1936, revisits	... 1032
Supervision erection of new buildings	... 812
Sewers and Sewage Disposal	... 295
Post-war housing	... 129
Dairies	... 3
Bakehouses	... 10
Drains Tested	... 233
Infectious Disease	... 1
Rooms Disinfected	... 1
Water Supply (samples taken bact. 92. chem. 9)	... 610
Scavenging	... 77
Food Premises	... 116
Rats and Mice	... 33
Miscellaneous	... 135
Moveable Dwellings	... 164
Factories	... 30
Food Poisoning	... 5
Housing Applications	... 44
Outworkers	... 9
Petroleum	... 14
Overcrowding	... 3
Slaughterhouses	... 101

**CLOSET ACCOMMODATION, ETC. :—**

Number of houses with pail or tub closets in area (est.)	... 1074
Number of houses with W.C.'s in area (est.)	... 1364
Number of pails reconstructed as W.C.'s in 1957	... 90
Number of W.C.'s constructed in 1957 for new premises	... 28

**FACTORIES ACT, 1937 :—**

Total number on Register (including bakehouses)	... 76
Number of inspections	... 30
Number in which defects remedied	... 2
Number of Notices served	... 3
Bakehouses, number on Register	... 9
Fire Escape Certificates issued	... 2





